1	2	3
3.	Karnal	1
4.	Panipat	2
5.	Kaithal	2
6.	Kurukshetra	2
7.	Jind	1
8.	Sonepat	2
9.	Rohtak	1
10.	Gurgaon	2
	Total	20

Accident at Unmanned Level Crossing

201. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether five persons killed on the spot and nine injured when the Secunderabad-bound Krishna Express from Tirupati ran into an Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation bus on unmanned level crossing between Venkatagiri and Gudur stations on 22.9.1996;

(b) if so, the total number of persons killed and injured;

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted in this regard;

(d) the total loss suffered and compensation provided to the victims;

(e) the percentage of rail accidents occurred in the country and in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years; and

(f) the total loss suffered by Railways in Andhra Pradesh by train accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir. 7405 Tirupati-Secunderabad Express collided with the bus at an unmanned level crossing between Vendadu and Kondagunta stations of Tirupathi-Gudur section of Guntakal Division of South Central Railway at about 7.30 hours on 24.9.96, as a result of which 4 persons died on the spot while 10 persons were injured and admitted to the hospital.

(b) With 4 more persons succumbing to injuries in the hospital, total of 8 persons died in the accident, while 6 sustained injuries.

(c) Yes, Sir. The accident was enquired into by a Committee of Officers.

(d) The Railways suffered a loss of about Rs. 65,000/- on account of damage to the Railway property in this accident. Compensation is not payable to the kins of victims in case of unmanned level crossing accident.

(e) The figures of accidents are not maintained State-wise. However, the number of consequential train accidents on South Central Railway, which serves a major portion of Andhra Pradesh, vis-a-vis the number of consequential train accidents which took place on Indian Railways as a whole, during the last three years are given below :

Year	Accidents occurred on South Central Railway	Accidents occurred on Indian Railways
1993-94	57 (11%)	520
1994-95	50 (10%)	501
1995-96	41 (10%)	398

(The percentage of accident is indicated in brackets)

(f) Information of loss suffered by the Railway due to accidents is not maintained State-wise. However, the loss suffered by South Central Railway on account of accidents that occurred between April and October 1996 amounted to Rs. 6.65 crores.

Losses by Air India

202. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR :
SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Air India is losing rupees one crore daily as reported in 'Hindustan Times' dated October 25, 1996;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) the reasons therefor;

(d) the approximate amount of loss likely to be incurred by Air India during the current financial year and

(e) the remedial measures taken or proposed to be taken to meet the loss?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M IBRAHIM) : (a) to (c). The estimated loss of Air India for the period April to September, 1996 is Rs. 195 crores. The losses are owing to increase in expenditure on account of interest and depreciation on new aircraft, reduction in yield due to increased competition, increased landing, handling and navigational charges, agitation of engineers etc.